

Patent

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COMMUNICATION

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Applicants filed an Amendment on December 8, 2005 in response to the Office Action of June 8, 2005. The Amendment included a Petition for three month extension of time with authorization for the fee in the amount of \$1020.00 to be charged to the deposit account no. 11-1835. According to the Image File Wrapper the Amendment was received in the USPTO on December 12, 2005.

However, the funds in deposit account no. 11-1835 were insufficient and since the petition for three month extension was not filed on December 12, 2005, the application became abandoned for failure to file a response prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply.

In July 2010, Lucas & Mercanti, LLP took over the practice of Friedrich Kueffner. We were unaware that the present application was abandoned.

In March 2011, we received correspondence from the Applicant enclosing prior art. At that time, we could not locate the file, but determined from the PAIR system that the application was abandoned. We once again made efforts to locate the file to determine what happened.

Subsequently, we located the file and retrieved it from an off-site storage facility.

Once we obtained the file we prepared the attached Petition requesting revival of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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